

### **Abstract**

Embodiments of the present invention are directed to a method and apparatus for a data input, storage and retrieval system for obtaining and storing authorization data. Embodiments of the data comprise a data receiving member, a storage database and a retrieval mechanism. The data receiving member further comprises an input device and a data processor.

The input device is any standard computer input device, such as, a mouse, which controls a pointer or cursor that traverses the computer display and allows the user to move within a data file. The data processor comprises an applet and processing script, wherein the applet configures an input pad on the user's display. The input pad is accessible to the user via the input device, and can be used to sign signature indicia within the input pad. After the signature has been input and submitted, the signature data is processed. After the input data has been processed, the processing script receives the input data and stores the data in a storage database in conjunction with a unique code for later retrieval.